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| 1  Romans 6:1-14 Sermon Outline  12/15/24  “Dead to Sin, Alive to Christ”  **INTRO:**  Next month = married = 4 yrs  Long way to catch up to Dwayne+Evonne = 70 yrs  When we got married (describe details = chapel, etc.) = single lives “died” so to speak  No longer my finances but “our” finances  No longer my time but “our” time  Heidi caught me way too many times = mentality of singleness (movies, going out w/friends, games, etc.)  Story: Young man who forgot to go home to his newly wedded wife  Extreme case (hope none of you did that…) | 2  I bring that up = we can be like that  We forget that we have died to sin, to that old way of life = our union w/Christ = key to living victoriously over sin = more we remind ourselves = better for souls  **REVIEW:**  Last week looked at how Paul compared Christ’s work = Adam’s work = Christ did infinitely far more than Adam  Because of that = confidence + assurance = truly be saved from wrath of God/judgment when it comes  Safe in arms of Lord and Savior JC  Ch. 5 = assurance, not so much sanctification  Ch. 1-4 = justification  Ch. 5 = assurance  Ch. 6 on = sanctification |
| 3  Main issue = ongoing sin in believer’s life 6:1  6:1 “*What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase?*”  Another objection = grace covers our sin = if God forgives our sin in gospel = no matter how bad our sin is, in fact the worse our sin is, = more bright grace of God shines = why not continue in sin = grace shines all the more!  Paul’s response? V. 2 “*May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it*?”  Paul reacts so strongly against conclusion = perversion/twisting logic = failure to see whole point of grace  Objection reveals how deep the sin of works righteousness ingrained in human heart because if Paul downplayed grace = mostly grace + works = no objection exist  If salvation is up to you then it makes sense to follow the Law or to not sin because dependent on you | 4  Grace = doesn’t matter how much you’ve sinned or not sinned = grace covers all  Offensive to pride of sinners = throw in towel “according to your gospel Paul, it doesn’t matter how you live, we might as well sin more so that grace of God can be magnified in our lives!”  We can understand based on human logic = objection = absurd conclusion  That’s why Paul uses “mei genoito” strongest “no”  1 Peter 2:24 “*Christ Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that having died to sin, we might live to righteousness*.”  Go back to life of sin = being set free from prison = grabbing your belongings = walking out of prison gates as freeman = going back  Paul uses = familiar act every Christian did = baptism… |
| 5  V. 3 “*Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death*?”  Some believe = baptismal regeneration (not going to spend time rebutting it)  All of us know that God’s grace through faith alone not faith + baptism  Mentioning baptism = water baptism  Water baptism first act of obedience after belief = (book of Acts)  Baptism = physical symbol and public act declaring one’s union with Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection.  Paul “*have you forgotten, or are you ignorant of the fact that all who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death*?”  Don’t you know that very reason baptized = identify in death of Jesus? | 6  When immersed (baptism meaning) = what happened?  Died!  Long enough in water = death  What act confirms death? = Burial  You don’t bury someone half-dead, mostly dead  Why is burial of Christ important = shows he was dead!  Christian realize = when Christ died 2000 years ago on Golgotha = died there with him  When Christ was buried for our sins, you were buried with Him  When Christ raised = you raised  Behold the old has gone the new has come! = New creation in Christ! |
| 7  Your life is now characterized by righteousness not sin  We still do sin because we live in a fallen world, but now the trajectory of our life is righteousness  Justification, Sanctification, redemption adoption, etc. = all possible = union with Christ  Paul stresses vital importance VV. 5-7  “*For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection, knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died has been justified from sin*.”  Old man/self = Our state in Adam, destined for spiritual death enslaved to the power of sin  How did our old person die? = Died at the cross = crucified | 8  What’s purpose? = “Body of sin” might be done away with = no longer slaves  “Done away” = rendered inoperable = powerless  What is the “body of sin?” = referring to literal physical body that we inhabit  Now caveat so that people don’t misunderstand = bodies are made good = desires are good = sex, food, sleep, etc.  But because it is fallen and corrupted by sin = they can easily be turned into sinful desires  Body of sin = robbers ad thieves wreaking havoc in house  Old man = Always kept the door to sin open so that your body of sin will always go through that open door  But now the new man has closed that door shut = broken the bondage to sin |
| 9  V. 7 but you have died with Christ, the door of slavery to sin has been shut so that you are freed from sin’s dominating power to enslave  Now if you have died V. 8 What does that entail?  It entails you shall also live with Him!  Reason why believer will never spiritually die is because Christ is never going to die because He has triumphed over death  V. 10 “*For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all, but the life that He lives, He lives to God*.”  What Paul is doing = contrast  Christ’s one death vs. His eternal life  If the worst thing that happened to Jesus was for a split second = best thing that happened | 10  How much more will Christ who lives on eternally will give you the power to live forever and live in freedom from sin?  So how should we respond to this marvelous truth?  V. 11 “*Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus*.”  First command in Romans  Didn’t say “Just do so because I said so” = gives reason  Have you viewed your salvation as the moment you accepted Christ, you died with Him? You died to your sin, you died to the sinful world system, you died to yourself?  And that at the same time, you rose again with Christ to newness of life?  Old you is dead, gone, buried forever! |
| 11  Maybe before coming to Christ you lived a wicked life, maybe you partied with your friends, got hammered in drugs and alcohol, slept around, and were lawless  Maybe those same friends you used to sin with and “have fun” with now are confused about your identity because no longer do the same things you used to do  Maybe they said “You seem like a completely different person, we’re a little bit scared…”  Well yeah you are a completely different person, the way you think, the way you speak, the way you conduct yourself should all point to a new man that has been installed in you  You are a different person because the old Larry is gone, buried, never to rise again  But even though the old you is gone, the door is shut, we still in our fallenness, in living in a sinful world in a fallen body are tempted to dig the old man back up | 12  We still are tempted to open that door to let those thieves and robbers come into our hearts and wreak havoc in our hearts  We have a choice to resist sin and say no to those thieves and robbers to let them in  But because of our inherent fallenness = residual effects of our sin, we still cave in and possible = allow sin to reign in our mortal body to obey its lusts  That’s why Paul said V. 12  “*Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God*.”  “Mortal” = temporary/fading = it too needs to be immortal, not subject to sin and death = awaiting |
| 13  War has been won over death when Christ died on cross for sins  Battle = still rages on = not in glory  Next passage = Paul talk about this battle as a battle with flesh and Spirit  I believe inherent fallenness = our sinful inclination to live independently without God and for ourselves which is expressed through our body of sin = Paul will call the flesh  Sometimes we act as if the old man is still alive in us and fighting against the new man in us  No, the old man was crucified with Christ = gone  That’s why V. 11 = “Consider” = starts with a renewed mind = what we think and consider = act upon  Because we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus = So…therefore | 14  How are you to live Christian?  Here is the application:  Colossians 3:5-10  **“***Therefore, consider the members of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. On account of these things, the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, lay them all aside: wrath, anger, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you put off the old man with its evil practices, and have put on the new man who is being renewed to a full knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—"*  Illust: Man in a church who struggled with a certain sin…went to all sorts of counselors, different techniques, methods, nothing worked = until he met one person = “just stop it” |
| 15  Before Christ = you had no power to stop it  After Christ = you do the choice to stop it  V. 14 “*For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace*.”  Only grace can set you free  The Law while it is good only produces condemnation because it shows our sinfulness  Law = no power to save  Grace = does power to save  The question is: “Have you died to sin?”  If you have not died to sin = then you are alive to sin and dead to Christ  But its never too late to die to sin, while you have a breath = the door of salvation is open to you | 16  Jesus said whoever wishes to follow Me must deny Himself, pick up his cross, and follow Him  Do you know what Jesus is asking?  He’s not asking you to deny certain pleasures in the world or stop doing certain things  Call to die  Death to self and sin so that you would be resurrected in His life  that’s why Christians get baptized, to show that that was what truly took place when you started following Him  Come and die with Christ so that you may live with Him  Let’s pray |
| 17  Benediction:  1 Timothy 6:15-16  He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of [[j](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Timothy%206&version=LSB#fen-LSB-29804j)]kings and Lord of [[k](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Timothy%206&version=LSB#fen-LSB-29804k)]lords,**16**who alone has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal might! Amen. |  |